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In re Application of
LEROY D'ASTOLFO
Serial No. 10/056,915

: SHOCKPROOF REFRACTORY
: CASTABLE ANODE ASSEMBLY
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: Attorney Docket No. 01-0219
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: Examiner: Harry D. Wilkins, III
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: Art Unit : 1742

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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
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Examining Group 1742

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This is in response to the Final Rejection Office Action dated December 10, 2003, in connection with the above-captioned application. The Office Action has been carefully reviewed, and the following response offered in attempt to advance the case to allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks is courteously requested. Please amend the captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page — of this paper.